

What types of support does CRP offer?

We want each youth to be successfully transitioned back into the community. The Family Team will build on the existing strengths of the youth, family, and community to come up with creative, comprehensive supports, such as:

- help navigating and understanding mental health, educational, child welfare (CPS, the Courts, etc.), health, and other systems
- mentoring, individual/family therapy, daytime/overnight respite, camps, etc.
- help connecting with other caregivers for sharing and support
- assistance with building up kin and community supports so that your CRP services are no longer needed



What's next?

The Care Coordinator will be returning soon to further explore CRP with you. Feel free to write down any questions you may have to discuss at that meeting and/or by phone. Your care coordinator's name and phone



The CPS Reintegration Project

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What is the CPS Reintegration Project?

The CPS Reintegration Project (CRP) provides home- and community-based services to a small number of youth who are involved in the CPS system and have mental health challenges. The goal of the Project is to reduce the number of youth involved in the Child Welfare System by helping families safely manage the mental health issues of the youth after discharge from a residential treatment center (RTC).

CRP utilizes the Wraparound Process, which means that the youth and family take the lead in setting goals and deciding how to meet them. Each youth/family is assigned to the Care Coordinator (CC), who helps the family communicate their strengths and needs and build up and access community resources.



Who is eligible for CRP?

- Youth is currently in RTC and has mental health challenges
- Youth is in CPS custody
- CPS supports youth's placement in the home of a parent or another potential caregiver
- Caregiver resides in Travis County
- Caregiver agrees to accept the youth into their home
- Caregiver agrees to participate in the Wraparound Process

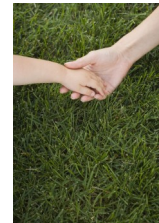
How will CRP work?

1. **Referral:** The CPS worker and his/her supervisor identify a youth who will soon be discharged from RTC and has made enough progress so that returning to the community is appropriate, as long as intensive services could be in place to support the youth & family. CPS identifies a potential caregiver, such as a birth parent, relative, or close family friend.
2. **Screening:** CPS meets with the CRP Project Supervisors and CC to discuss whether the youth would be appropriate for the Project. CPS and the CC go out to the home of the potential caregiver to explain the project, answer questions, and see what the caregiver's thoughts are about having the youth live in their home sometime soon. The CC makes regular contact with the caregiver to help them decide whether they would like to participate in CRP.
3. **Pre-integration Planning (up to 3 months):** The CC works with the caregiver, CPS, RTC, school, and other important entities to develop a Family Team and create a Wraparound Plan for the identified youth. The Team works together to think of creative ways to meet the family's needs so that this can be a permanent home for the youth, and not just another placement.
4. **Integration (up to 6 months):** The youth comes to live with the caregiver. The Team meets weekly and works together to make sure that the youth/family's needs are addressed in all areas (safety, physical & mental health, social, educational, spiritual, etc.).
5. **Ongoing Support (6 months or more, as needed):** The Team works together to provide consistent and appropriate supports in order to make sure the youth can be successful at home. As the youth makes improvements and the family grows in their ability to meet their own needs, outside services will gradually be reduced. When the youth has met the goals on the Wraparound Plan, he/she will graduate from services and continue to participate in community-based supports developed during the Project.

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What will be asked of me?

- Opening your home to a high-needs youth and being their permanent caregiver
- Actively participating in Team Meetings, which are held at the location of your choice
- Participating in all services ordered by the Court, including making sure the youth attends all scheduled appointments and continues mental health treatment
- Communicating regularly and openly with all Team members



What can I expect from others?

- To accompany you during and after the transition process
- To honestly answer any of your questions about what's going on
- The CPS case staying open for at least 6 months after the youth is placed in your home (*including weekly visits with the CPS worker if you're the birth parent*)
- Providing intensive Wraparound supports for at least 1 year, or as decided by the Team
- Accommodating *your* needs when scheduling meetings and services